

REMARKS

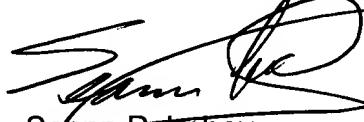
In the Advisory Action mailed October 24, 2003, the proposed amendment filed on September 29, 2003 was not entered. The amendment is said to raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search, and is said not to place the application in better form for Appeal.

In the Office Action, newly amended claims 12-15, 17 and 19-29 are said to be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims.

In this amendment, applicant has cancelled all of the non-allowed claims and is submitting only the allowed claims, noted above, for purposes of advancing this case to issue, and without prejudice to continue prosecution as to the non-allowed claims in a separate application.

In view of the amendment, favorable action on the claims and passing of the case to issue is respectfully requested in due course of Patent Office business.

Respectfully submitted,



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